

REMARKS

The Examiner's continued attention to the present application is noted with appreciation. The allowability of claims 2, 12, 13, 21-25, and 27-29 if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. However, Applicant submits that all of the claims as amended are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 26 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Brockmann et al. Such rejection is respectfully traversed, particularly as to the claims as amended. Brockmann et al. disclose the use of multiple stages and orifices to narrow the width of the particle stream. Each such stage requires a sheath gas to be used. However, in the present invention, once the sheath gas is added to the particle stream, only one orifice is required to narrow the particle stream sufficiently to produce a deposit having a sub-millimeter feature size. Further, because of the ratios and velocities cited by Brockmann et al., it would not be obvious over that reference to use only one orifice or stage to narrow the particle stream to such an extent.

Applicant is also filing herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, together with a check for the appropriate fee.

Applicant therefore submits that all claims in the present application are now allowable, and respectfully requests same from the Examiner. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned agent for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Authorization is given to charge payment of the appropriate fee, any additional fees required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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